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SUBJECT:FRENCH ACTIONS ON PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER IMPORTS

REF: (A) PARIS 34532 (NOTAL) (B) PARIS 21828

1. REFTEL (A) REPORTS THAT DURING DISCUSSION BETWEEN  
EMBASSY OFFICER AND MICHEL POULIN OF GOF MINISTRY OF  
INDUSTRY REGARDING PROBLEM CAUSED BY FRENCH REQUIREMENT FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE VISA FOR PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER IMPORTS,  
POULIN STATED THAT GOF IS CURRENTLY SEEKING TO PERSUADE EC  
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TO APPLY COMMUNITY-WIDE QR'S ON PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS UNDER  
ARTICLE 19 OF GATT. HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT, IF COMMISSION

DECLINES TO SUPPORT GOF, UNILATERAL ACTION COULD BE TAKEN BY FRANCE ON GROUNDS THAT DIAMMONIUM PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER IS NOT ON EC LIBERALIZED LIST AND THAT A RECOMMENDATION TO IMPOSE QUOTAS IS BEFORE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY.

2. ACTION FOR PARIS

EMBASSY REQUESTED TO OBTAIN AND FORWARD DATA AVAILABLE ON QUANTITY AND VALUE OF FRENCH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (BY COUNTRY) OF PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS ON MONTHLY BASIS FOR 1975 AND 1976 AND YEARLY BASIS FOR 1971-74. THESE SHOULD INCLUDE TRADE WITH PRINCIPAL SUPPLYING AND PURCHASING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS TOTALS WITH AS FINE A BREAKDOWN AS POSSIBLE BY TYPE OF PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE PRODUCTION

FIGURES FOR THE 1971-1976 PERIOD ON AT LEAST AN ANNUAL BASIS (QUANTITY AND VALUE IF AVAILABLE) AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE ON STATE OF FRENCH FERTILIZER INDUSTRY. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL (B) THAT GOF SEEMED INCLINED TO SUPPLY SUCH DATA TO EMBASSY. REGARDING RECOMMENDATION BEFORE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY - CAN EMBASSY CLARIFY IF QR'S ARE EXPECTED TO BE IMPOSED UNILATERALLY ONLY IF EC COMMISSION FAILS TO ACT. IF SO, WHAT WOULD BE THE TIME FRAME?

3. ACTION FOR USEC BRUSSELS

WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION MISSION HAS REGARDING A GOF APPROACH TO COMMISSION SEEKING EC WIDE RESTRICTIONS ON FERTILIZER IMPORTS. IF SUCH APPROACH HAS BEEN MADE, CAN MISSION PROVIDE OWN ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER IT WOULD RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AS OPPOSED TO IRISH APPROACH EARLIER THIS YEAR?

EXAMINATION OF MOST RECENT EC COMMON LIST OF LIBERALIZED PRODUCTS AVAILABLE HERE (OFFICIAL JOURNAL, VOLUME 18 NO. C 287 OF 15 DECEMBER 1975) INDICATES THAT DIAMMONIUM ORTHOPHOSPHATE FERTILIZER (BTN 31.05 AIIA) IS ON LIBERALIZED LIST SUBJECT TO NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE (BY FRANCE). CAN MISSION VERIFY THIS? KISSINGER

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